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Dedication Ceremony for new Animal Underpass in Sierra County

Truckee - The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announces that in conjunction with the Highway 89 Stewardship Team, they will be participating in an on-site dedication ceremony tomorrow for the Team's first completed project, an animal underpass at Kyburz Flat. Kyburz Flat is located between Truckee and Sierraville, 13 miles north of Interstate 80 on State Highway 89. The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. Scheduled to speak are Caltrans Officials, Highway 89 Stewardship Team Members and officials from Sierra County.

This \$348,000 project, funded by a Transportation Enhancement Grant, marks the beginning of a long list of planned mitigation and research efforts by the Highway 89 Stewardship Team. The Team formed in 2002 and has been working collectively to preserve wildlife movement corridors and reduce the conflicts between vehicles and wildlife. Team members include: The California Department of Transportation, The California Department of Fish and Game, the USDA Forest Service Tahoe National Forest and Pacific Southwest Research Station, The University of California, Davis, University of California Cooperative Extension, the University of California Berkeley-Sagehen Creek Field Station, Sierra County, the Sierra County Fish and Wildlife Commission and the California Deer Association.

To learn more about the Highway 89 Stewardship Team and this event, please visit the following website: <http://sagehen.ucnrs.org/events.htm>.